

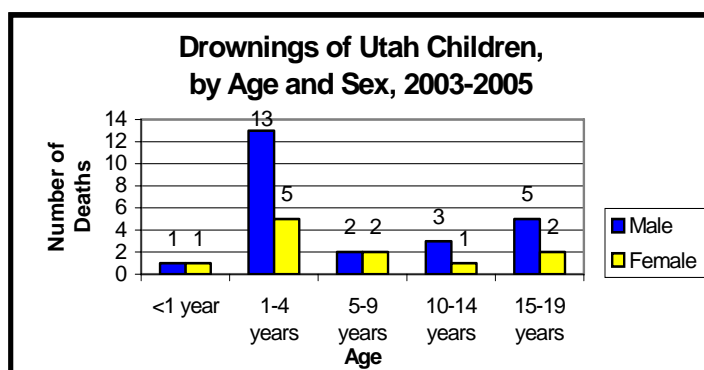
Utah Child Drowning 2003-2005

Facts about child drowning in Utah

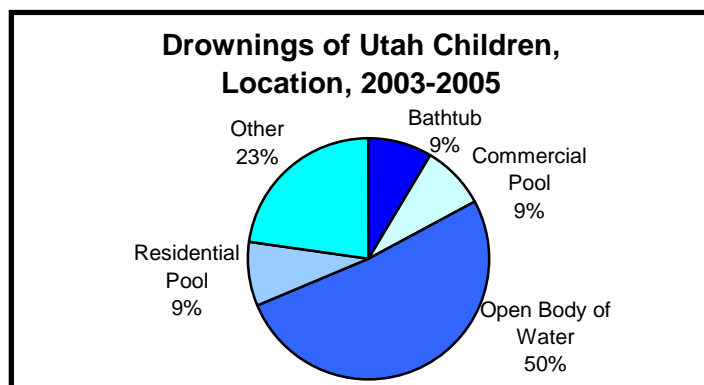
- 35 children ages birth to 19 died by drowning from 2003-2005.
- 18 of the 34 deaths occurred in open bodies of water (lakes, rivers, etc.).
- Drowning was the 2nd leading cause of injury death among children ages birth to 14.

Utah Child Fatality Review Committee

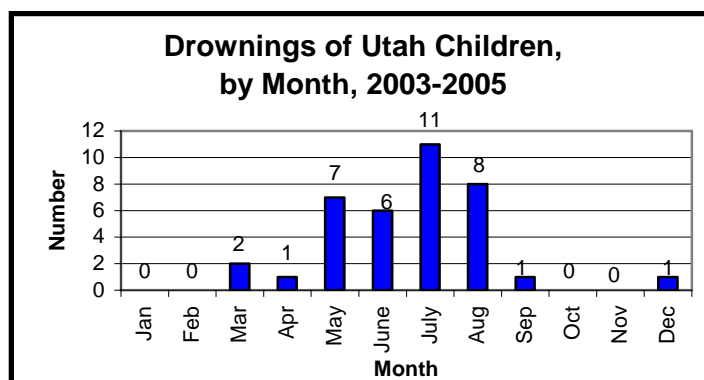
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DROWNING RISK FACTORS

- **Family gatherings near pools, lakes and rivers** pose the greatest threat to children ages 5 and under.
- **Teens are most at risk in open water:** Most are males who overestimate their swimming ability.
- **Inadequate supervision:** The person supposed to be watching the child looked away or left the area for "just a minute."

DROWNING PREVENTION

Open Water

- Wear a personal flotation device.
- Read and obey all posted rules.
- Never dive into water if you don't know what's under the surface.

Pools

- If a child is missing, check the swimming pool first.
- Enclose pools completely with a self-locking, self-closing fence with vertical bars.
- Teach your child to swim.

In and Around the Home

- Never leave a child alone around any water.
- Empty and store all buckets and wading pools after each use.
- Never leave young children in the bathtub alone, or with an older brother or sister.

General Water Safety

- Teach kids to never swim alone.
- Learn CPR.
- Stay within arms' reach of kids who cannot swim.
- Never allow kids to dive into water less than nine feet deep.